

**GALLATIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
December 13, 2018**

The meeting of the Gallatin County Fiscal Court was called to order by Judge Ken McFarland on December 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gallatin County Senior Center, Warsaw, Kentucky. Magistrates present were Eric Moore, Jeff Wallace, Joel Shinkle and Sally Davis. County Attorney John G. Wright was also present. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Consent Agenda: Consent Agenda was approved by Eric Moore and seconded by Joel Shinkle. All ayes.

Minutes: Minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2018 were approved by Joel Shinkle and seconded by Sally Davis. All ayes.

Vendor Claims: Claims were presented for approval to pay, which included the added blue sheet. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the claims as presented. Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.

November 2018 Financial Reporting

1. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Lesa Bullard presented the report for the month ending November 30, 2018. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Eric Moore seconded. All ayes.
2. Budget Transfers – Eric Moore moved to approve the budget transfers for the month of November. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.
3. Interfund Cash Transfers – Jeff Wallace moved to approve the interfund cash transfers for the month of November. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

GENERAL COUNTY UPDATES

Judge McFarland reported to the court about the ongoing projects throughout the county. Glencoe Bank Building – currently trying to get the interior completed, project is ongoing. Airport – Funds from the Federal Government are expected mid-spring to begin excavation. Additional property acquisition efforts are in process. Nucor – Bridge is nearly complete and should open in January of 2019. Other projects are starting which will be a big boost to the tax roll. Steel Technologies - \$180 million project to begin soon, will be fully on the county tax roll. Dorman – new project in process that will add additional square footage. Slippage on Hwy 42 in Ethridge – grave relocation is being taken care of and work is close to being scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNTY CLERK 2019 BUDGET – TRACY MILES

County Clerk Miles came before the court to present her 2019 Budget. She reported that the budget was the same as years past and includes some State funding. Motion to accept the County Clerk’s Budget was made by Jeff Wallace. Eric Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

COUNTY CLERK – ANNUAL COMPENSATION ORDER FOR DEPUTIES AND ASSISTANTS

County Clerk Miles presented her annual order setting the maximum amount for deputies and assistants at \$130,000. Joel Shinkle moved to approve the annual order. Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.

DAVID HULL – HARTIG PARK

David Hull came before the court to express thanks to Judge McFarland for his work and leadership to help guide Hartig Park and presented him with a Case knife as a token of appreciation from all of the supporters of Hartig Park. Judge McFarland thanked Mr. Hull for the gift and thanked the group for their work in bringing the Park to where it is today, he also thanked the court for their support in this endeavor.

SHERIFF 2019 BUDGET – JOSH NEALE

Judge McFarland reported that he thought the kinks in the budget have been worked out and that the final presentation looks good. Eric Moore moved to approve the Sheriff's 2019 Budget. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes. Sheriff Neale thanked the court for their support and those on the court moving on to other things.

SHERIFF – ANNUAL COMPENSATION ORDER FOR DEPUTIES AND ASSISTANTS

County Sheriff Neale presented his annual order setting the maximum amount for deputies and assistants at \$519,700. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the annual order. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

TIMBERLINE ROAD

Judge McFarland reported that Timberline Road has finally been completed. He noted that it has been a long awaited project that is a success to have completed. He recommended that the road be brought into the county system. Eric Moore moved to approve the addition of Timberline Road to the County Road System. Joel Shinkle seconded. All ayes.

WILLOW POINT/RED BUD COURT – JOSH DAVIS

Josh Davis came before the court to request that Red Bud Court within Willow Point be brought into the County Road System. Magistrate Sally Davis commented that the county owes thanks to Josh for getting the road completed. Magistrate Eric Moore commented that he totally agreed with Mrs. Davis, stating that folks in the county need to know that Josh stepped up and put the road in and it didn't cost the county. Judge McFarland gave his opinion that the road should be brought into the system as it meets the specs as are required. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the addition of Willow Point/Red Bud Court to the County Road System. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

ANIMAL SHELTER - BUILDING

Judge McFarland reported that he has spoken to Bobby Nunn and the old out building at the Animal Shelter needs to go as it is in bad shape. An ad will be placed in the paper to see if anyone wants the building and will remove it. Pictures of the building were passed around.

AUDIT

Judge McFarland informed the court that there will be an exit conference on December 19. He and Treasurer Bullard reported that this is the first time the audit has been completed on time in many years. Next year the audit will come at a greater expense to the county with a 75-25% split as opposed to the previous split of 50-50. They noted that the outside firm has done a good job.

EXISTING DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS, OFFICE PERSONNEL

Judge McFarland recommended to the court that current employees remain employed until the new administration is fully in place. Joel Shinkle noted that it would eliminate the need for a meeting on January 1. Joel Shinkle moved to approve keeping all current employees in place until the new administration is in place. Eric Moore seconded. All ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

BIDS – DEMOLITION – 7095 HWY 42 EAST

Bids for the demolition of 7095 Hwy 42 East were opened. The first bid, from Woolridge was \$15,788 and the second bid from JL Construction & Excavating (Jason Lawson) was \$8,500. Joel Shinkle made a motion to accept the low bid of \$8,500 from JL Construction & Excavating. Jeff Wallace seconded the motion. All ayes.

2019 HOLIDAYS

Judge McFarland presented a list of the Holidays to be observed by the county in 2019. Jeff Wallace moved to approve the 2019 Holidays as presented. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

WATER BOARD – SALARY INCREASE

Jeff Wallace moved to approve a salary increase for the Water Board as had been previously discussed. Sally Davis seconded. All ayes.

GLENCOE – SNOW REMOVAL

Judge McFarland reported that the county helped with the snow removal in Glencoe last year and Glencoe paid for the salt. He noted that the roads in Glencoe are done after the County Roads are complete. The work is only completed when requested by the City, as needed. Sally Davis moved to approve the county to perform snow removal in the City of Glencoe. Jeff Wallace seconded. All ayes.

COMMENTS/OTHER

Lee Meier came before the court concerned about the continued mess on Highway 42 from Sterling Materials and Mississippi Lime. He inquired about the correct avenue to lodge a formal complaint. Ken McCarty of District 6, informed Mr. Meier he could call the District Office and ask for Permits and they would handle his complaint. Sheriff Josh Neale commented that a letter of warning has been issued to them and the matter is currently in litigation. Magistrate Sally Davis commented that there is a need for a truck lane in the area. She asked could the county contact the Highway Department to formally request that. Judge McFarland agreed with Mrs. Davis and said his office would send a letter to that effect tomorrow and would also send a letter to address the road cleaning issue as well.

Judge McFarland read aloud a proclamation honoring the three outgoing Magistrates for their contributions and commended them for their service.

Magistrate Joel Shinkle stated that it has been really good working with each of the members of the court. He added that the court as a group has worked together well as a team and accomplished a lot. Judge McFarland added that he attributes the accomplishments to that teamwork and good luck, but definitely appreciates the efforts of each of the members of the court. Magistrate Sally Davis stated that it has been a pleasure to serve. She thanked the court and citizens of the county for always being respectful and added that she hoped she has made a positive impact for the county.

County Attorney Wright on behalf of Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association from all 120 Counties read a proclamation honoring Eric Moore, Sally Davis, Jeff Wallace and Judge McFarland for their service.

County Attorney Wright also read aloud a proclamation honoring Judge Ken MacFarland on the occasion of his retirement after 16 years of service; 8 years as Magistrate for the Glencoe-Veterans Memorial District and 8 years as Judge Executive.

Judge McFarland stated that it has certainly been his privilege to serve and work with such a great group of people. He added that this is my home and will still be my home.

Magistrate Joel Shinkle lead discussion about Judge McFarland's contributions as it pertained to the completion of the Senior Center. He noted that it would not have been possible and would have cost the county a great deal more had Judge McFarland not seen it through. Due to those facts, Mr. Shinkle recommended, in the form of a motion, that the Gallatin County Senior Center be renamed the Ken McFarland Senior Center. Jeff Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Judge McFarland thanked the court for such an honor and stated that it was a great project that took a lot of effort from many.

Jeff Wallace made a motion to go into closed session per KRS 61.810.1c to discuss litigation. Sally Davis seconded the motion. All ayes.

Jeff Wallace moved to come out of closed session and return to open session. Eric Moore seconded the motion. All ayes.

Jeff Wallace made a motion for County Attorney Wright to take the necessary actions to recover the county's losses from Gallatin County Fair Board, Inc. Sally Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Wallace made a motion for County Attorney Wright to draft a 1st Reading of a Resolution to require mandatory trash pickup throughout Gallatin County and to put up signs throughout the county stating "\$500 fine for Littering". Eric Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business before the court, for one final time, Eric Moore made a motion to adjourn. Sally Davis seconded his motion. All Ayes.

Doug Miles
Gallatin County Fiscal Court Clerk